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of

LITTLE DAFFODILS

And Other Small Bulbs

This season's prices, descriptions of three novelties,
and various horticultural notes from the garden of

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BULB SUGGESTIONS

If you did not receive my 1936 descriptive list of Little Daffodils and Other Small Bulbs, or have mislaid it, another copy will be sent on request. Also, cultural directions if requested with orders.

Little Daffodils:—*Narcissus bulbocodium citrinus*, 15c; *N. bulb. conspicuus*, 10c; *N. bulb. monophyllus*, 20c; *N. minor*, 50c; *M. nanus*, 35c; *N. triandrus albus*, 25c; *Pseudo-narcissus moschatus*, (not more than 3 to a customer), 40c each; *N. canaliculatus*, 25c; *N. juncifolius*, 30c; *N. jonquilla simplex*, 10c. 12 bulbs at the price of 11.

NOVELTIES

N. scaberulus is the tiniest and rarest of all miniature daffodils, found only in one small valley in Portugal. These bloomed well here last spring; the cheerful little jonquil flower is only $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter. Only a few to sell, at \$3.00 each, and I believe I have all there are in the U. S. .

N. watieri is very little known as yet. It hails from the Atlas Mountains in Africa, and is an exquisite white starry flower with a shallow scalloped cup, or rather saucer, and gray-green foliage. Eight inches high, graceful and charming, \$2 a bulb, and better speak quickly.

N. juncifolius rupicola, a fine variety of the commoner *juncifolius*, with attractive bright yellow flower and flaring cup. Only a few of these, \$1.00 each.

I could not do without *Narcissus Orange Queen*; its fragrance, comparatively small size and rich color commend it for places in the rock garden as well as for border or cutting use; 15c.

Other Small Bulbs: *Brodiaea pulchella*, 5c; *Camassia*, 8c; *Eranthis hyemalis*, 5c; *Erythronium oregonum*, 10c; *Fritillaria lanceolata*, 10c; *Leucojum aestivum*, 8c; *Muscari*, Heavenly Blue, 30c a doz.; *Scilla campanulata alba*, 30c a doz.

A Blue Treasure for the early Spring rock garden, or edge of a path—*Hyacinthus azureus*, 70c a doz.

Another Bit of Early Blue—*Scilla sibirica*, 50c a doz.

“Consider the Lilies of the Field—” the flower of which these words were spoken is not a true lily, but an autumn blooming flower of crocus shape, with the clear lovely yellow of a daffodil, and fine dark green leaves. Order at once and plant as soon as it comes, if you would have bloom this season. Lily of the field, *Sternbergia lutea*, 3 for \$1.00.

I do not dig up eranthis, winter aconite, until it is ordered, because the tubers are touchy about drying out. It has a brave early yellow, and the seed stage is as decorative as the flower, if viewed with an artist's eye for design.

There is a pestilent bramble, called *Rubus macropetala*, with which I struggle, when the birds bring it into the garden. But in July, in waste places, it produces the luscious Oregon wild blackberry. You have noticed how every outdoor sport has its own particular costume? The traditional blackberrying costume includes a gingham sunbonnet and long black cotton stockings drawn over the arms, with a hole cut to let the fingers through the toe. You can still get gingham sunbonnets, if you look in the right place, but oh, how scarce long black cotton stockings have grown! More about blackberries in the fall, when Marion Hardy's jam is ready to sell.

Please Read: All the bulbs are sent postpaid, IF the order is accompanied by cash. Otherwise, I send them by express, C. O. D.

The other day I had a hurry call for holly for an eastern magazine to photograph in color for its Christmas number. I went to the orchard providing myself with a can of red lacquer, for after all this is only August, but there were enough sprays with last winter's berries still red, so I didn't have to paint the green ones. . . . If you want my holly folder sent you with a nice list of Christmas greens and delicacies, drop me a postcard.

Kalmiopsis leachiana is a rare and attractive rock garden plant that has recently caught the attention of gardeners the world over. It was discovered a few years ago by a Portland, Oregon, botanist, Mrs. John R. Leach, and now fine little potgrown plants from cuttings are available for a dollar each, plus postage. It is related to the rhododendrons and the kalmias. Write Max Ruff, S. E. Foster Road and Lenox St., Portland, Oregon.

Do you want the next issue of Trowel and Typewriter? A post card will bring it.

Time to plant *Crocus zonatus*, if you want its exquisite autumn flowers of palest silvery orchid. 5c each.

If you have access to the Bulletin of the Garden Club of America, an article in the May number will give you more information about growing Little Daffodils than I have room to include here.

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